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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jarod Stevens, and I represent Don Stevens Tire Inc. located in Southington, CT. We are a hauler, processor, and recycler of scrap tires in the State of CT. Don Stevens Tire Inc has been involved with scrap tire recycling for over 50 years, and we have watched this industry change dramatically. From the old methods of rubber reclamation, and land filling, to the newer more "end use" markets of TDF, and crumb rubber manufacturing just to name a few. we have watched this industry make huge leaps and tackle large obstacles in the last half century.

As a hauler, processor, and recycler of scrap tires in the State of CT, we are opposed to SB 869. A large majority of our state's scrap tires already go to a beneficial end use. Most of our scrap tires go to TDF (tire derived fuel), as it may not be the most well liked solution, in our eyes it is only solution that has a proven track record over the past 30 years. As an industry we are always looking for new and beneficial ways to dispose of scrap tires, but no methods that I have seen have had the ability to handle the quantity of scrap tires that TDF can handle. I do not feel that TDF is only way to dispose of scrap tires, and I am currently working on a contract for a non TDF end user, but I do feel that to take TDF out of the market place would be mistake that will lead to far more "illegally dumped tires".

Being the State of CT scrap tire disposal contract holder, I have seen the illegally dumped scrap tires in the state of CT from the public to the private sector. Illegally dumped tires are an issue, but I do not feel that SB 869 will do anything to deter people from dumping tires. Second hand tires or "used tires" will always have a cash value. This is where most of the illegally dumped tires indirectly stem from. An unlicensed processor will go to a tire pile at shop, car dealer, junk yard, etc. and take tires from their junk piles. From there this unlicensed processor will then sell these used tires, and the tires the unlicensed processor can not sell will then be illegally dumped.

This point brings me to the model of the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program, which has had great success in the Canadian Province of Ontario. The province of Ontario spends millions of dollars per year on this program and although it has worked, I do not feel that it would have without the huge investment from the Canadian government. Does the State of CT have the money to dump into a method that has costs as high as Ontario Tire Stewardship?

In closing, I would like to state that my company, Don Stevens Tire Inc and my industry are always looking toward the future when it comes to scrap tire management, a we keep ourselves at the forefront of the scrap tire industry. We are constantly looking for new methods and new markets for scrap tire disposal, and passing SB 869 will negatively effect our industry and the State of CT's scrap tire for many years to come. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or comments. I can be reached by phone (860) 621-3256 ext. 101 or by email [jarodstevens@me.com](mailto:jarodstevens@me.com)